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In re Application of:

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Title: METHODS AND ASSAYS USEFUL IN THE
TREATMENT OF ALCOHOL
DEPENDENCE OR ALCOHOL ABUSE

Examiner:

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 1, 2001 (Paper No. 3). Kindly reconsider the above-referenced application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for inhibiting ALDH-2 in a human comprising contacting ALDH-2 with a compound of formula I